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SUBJECT: BURMA -- URGING INDONESIA TO HELP WITH S/E
GAMBARI'S VISIT

REF: A. STATE 022937

[1](#)B. JAKARTA 0373

Classified By: Pol/C Joseph Legend Novak, reasons 1.4 (b+d).

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: Mission reviewed Ref A points regarding UN Special Envoy Gambari's visit to Burma with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU). DEPLU contact told Pol/C that Indonesia was already doing just that: President Yudhoyono had sent a letter to Burmese regime leader Than Shwe urging the regime to cooperate fully with Gambari and pressing the regime to ensure that its referendum conforms to international standards. END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (C) Pol/C met March 6 with Gudadi Sasongko, Deputy Director of DEPLU's East Asia Directorate. Pol/C reviewed Ref A points: we appreciated the GOI's support for S/E Gambari's visit to Burma and Foreign Minister Wirajuda's public expressions of concern regarding the credibility of the referendum process. The USG urged Indonesia to press the regime to allow Gambari full access to political leaders, especially Aung San Suu Kyi and ethnic minority leaders. Failure to do so would constitute a failure to cooperate with the UN good offices mission. It is vital that the regime adhere to internationally accepted standards for its referendum and its planned elections.

[1](#)3. (C) Sasongko replied by noting that Indonesia was fully on board with these points. In fact, President Yudhoyono--continuing his correspondence with the regime--had sent a letter earlier this week to Than Shwe, which was transmitted via the Indonesian Embassy in Rangoon. In the letter, Yudhoyono made three key points:

-- The regime must cooperate fully with Gambari's mission and allow him access to key leaders of the opposition.

-- The upcoming referendum and the planned 2010 elections must include the opposition and ethnic minority groups, and they must meet international standards of legitimacy.

-- The letter reiterated Indonesia's invitation to Burmese PM

Thein Sein to visit Jakarta. (Note: The visit had been scheduled for January, but was postponed. The reason given at the time was the illness of former president Suharto.)

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